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Sir:

In accordance with the duty of candor and good faith imposed by 37 C.F.R. §1.56 and means of complying therewith according to 37 C.F.R. §§1.97 and 1.98, the references listed on the attached Form PTO-1449 are called to the attention of the United States Patent and Trademark Office in

connection with the above-identified patent application. Copies of the cited references are enclosed herewith.

The Examiner is urged to consider the cited documents and to make an independent evaluation of the teachings and materiality of each.

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